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RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH
COURSES SCHEDULED
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MISSOULA--

Two courses dealing with radiological health will be offered at the University of Montana here beginning Monday (April 28) under the auspices of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS).

Dr. Wayne P. Van Meter, an associate professor of chemistry at UM who is handling local arrangements, said the classes will enable UM staff members, graduate students and anyone else who is interested to receive intensive instruction in radioactive materials related to health. All sessions are planned for the University Center.

The first course, "Basic Radiological Health," is slated for April 28-May 2 and covers basic nuclear physics necessary to understand technical aspects of radiological health problems. First class begins at 9 a.m. Monday.

Next is the course entitled "Management of Radiation Accidents" from May 5-9, which provides medical engineering and scientific personnel with knowledge of potential hazards arising from radiation accidents.

At the first class Monday, Dr. Andrew McKane, M.D., a radiologist at the Western Montana Clinic, Missoula, will discuss the biological effects of radiation.

Launching the second session May 9 will be Dr. Vincent Collins, M.D., a medical doctor from Houston, Texas, who also has a Bachelor of Laws degree. Dr. Collins, who is director of the Department of Radiotherapy at Rosewood General Hospital, Houston, will discuss the "Acute Radiation Syndrome" at 10:30 a.m. and "Medical-Legal Aspects of Radiation" at 1:50 p.m. May 9.

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There are no fees or tuition for either of the one-week courses. Classes are conducted eight hours each day during the two sessions.

Several employes of the USPHS from Rockville, Md., will be on hand to participate in class sessions. They include Michael Terpilak, Gene Fisher and Edward Miller.

Richard Peterson, a former graduate student in physics at UM, also will participate. Peterson is now with the Southwest Radiological Health Laboratory at Las Vegas, Nev., which is under the direction of the USPHS.

Dr. Van Meter said a total of 30 participants will be accepted for each of the two sessions. So far, 20 are enrolled each week. Anyone interested may phone Dr. Van Meter at extension 2492 at the University in Missoula for additional information.

Program coordinator is Richard A. Lane, Helena, who is associated with the Radiological Health Program for the State Department of Health.

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